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August 31, 2010

Clerk of Court United States District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania 601 Market Street, Room 2609 Philadelphia, PA 19106

RE: Villa v. FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA INC et al.

Dear Sir/Madam:

*National Board of Trial Advocacy

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Please find enclosed an original and one (1) copy of a Complaint to be filed with the Court regarding the above matter. Kindly file the original of record and return a time-stamped copy to me using the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope. I have also enclosed a CD-ROM containing a copy of the Complaint and Exhibit A. Also enclosed herein is a check in the sum of \$350.00 representing the filing fee.

Should you have any questions please contact me. Thank you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,

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By

C. Theresa Barone

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS			
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				FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA., INC.		
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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calcular.

assignment to appropriate calendar.					
Address of Plaintiff: 510 Broadway, Bethlehem, PA 18015					
Address of Defendant: 1100 Conroy Place, Easton, PA 18040 and 1903 West Main St., Stoudsb	urg, PA 18360				
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 1100 Conroy Place, Easton, PA 18040 (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)					
Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation an	d any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?				
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I, Catherine Theresa Barone, Esquire , counsel of record do hereby certify					
D Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and	belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of				
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

YVETTE VILLA 510 Broadway Bethlehem, PA 18015 No: **Plaintiff** JURY TRIAL DEMANDED v. J. **FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA INC** 1100 Conroy Place Easton, PA 18040 and FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA., INC. 1903 West Main St Stroudsburg, PA 18360 Defendant

COMPLAINT - CIVIL ACTION

- 1. Plaintiff, Yvette Villa, is an adult individual who resides at 510 Broadway, Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 18015.
- 2. Defendant, FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA INC is a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and with a registered office address of 1100 Conroy Place, Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 18040.
 - 3. Defendant, FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA., INC. is a corporation organized under

the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and with a registered office address of 1903 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania 18360.

4. Hereinafter, Defendants (FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA, INC. and FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA, INC.) will be referred to collectively and individually as "Defendant."

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1331, as this claim arises in part from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII) and the Civil Rights Act of 1991.
- 6. The Eastern District of Pennsylvania is the proper venue for this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) as Plaintiff resides in this judicial district and one (1) Defendant has offices and does business in this judicial district.

FACTS

- 7. Plaintiff is female.
- 8. Plaintiff began to work for Defendant in 2001 and worked for Defendant until approximately October 2006.
- 9. Plaintiff was laid off following a medical leave but was rehired by the Defendant on February 18, 2008.
- 10. Following her rehiring, the Defendant's owner, Arthur Zaretsky began to engage in inappropriate sexual comments and to approach Plaintiff, through innuendo, comments and behavior, for sexual favors.
- 11. Plaintiff suffered the harassing behavior for several months until, in approximately September 2008, she made a complaint to Defendant's human resources department.

- 12. Plaintiff was pressured into signing a paper giving up her claim of sexual harassment against the owner of the company in order to retain her job.
- 13. Following the complaint, Plaintiff was subject to disciplinary action for alleged infractions of company policy. Others who had not complained of harassment were not similarly disciplined.
- 14. On January 22, 2009, Plaintiff was laid off from her position. Others with less seniority and lower sales margins but who had not complained of sexual harassment were retained by the Defendant.
- 15. Plaintiff believes, and therefore avers, that her termination was motivated by her complaints of sexual harassment and was, accordingly, in violation of laws against such discrimination and retaliation.
- 16. As a result of this discriminatory and retaliatory treatment, Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional distress, financial and other losses.
- Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that the discriminatory and retaliatory conduct engaged in by the Defendant is intentional and that, therefore, punitive damages are appropriate.
- 18. Plaintiff filed complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and has received a Notice of Right to Sue. *Exhibit A*

COUNT ONE VIOLATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS OF 1964 AND 1991

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1-18 above as if set forth at length herein.
- 20. Defendant employs more than fifteen employees and therefore is an employer as defined by the Acts.

- 21. As set forth above, Defendant has harassed and discriminated against the Plaintiff with respect to her compensation, terms, conditions, and/or privileges of employment, because of her sex.
- 22. As set forth above, Defendant has retaliated against the Plaintiff for the charges of discrimination and harassment she has brought against it.
- 23. Plaintiff brought charges of discrimination against the Defendant at the Pennsylvania Relations Commission and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and has received a right-to-sue letter.
- 24. As set forth above, Plaintiff incurred damages as a result of the conduct of the Defendant, including but not limited to severe emotional distress, financial and other losses, as well as costs of suit and attorney's fees.
- 25. As set forth above, Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that the conduct of the Defendant is intentional, thus giving rise to punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court find in her favor and against the Defendant, FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA INC and FAMOUS SMOKE SHOP-PA., INC and award all damages cognizable under the Federal laws against discrimination, including compensation for actual monetary losses, for future monetary losses, and for mental anguish and inconvenience, as well as interest, attorney's costs and fees, and injunctive relief.

COUNT TWO VIOLATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT

26. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1-25 above as if set forth at length herein.

27. Defendant employs more than four employees and therefore is an employer as defined

by the Act.

28. As set forth above, Defendant has harassed discriminated against the Plaintiff with

respect to her compensation, terms, conditions, and/or privileges of employment, because of her sex.

29. As set forth above, Defendant has retaliated against the Plaintiff for the charges of

harassment and discrimination she has brought against it.

30. Plaintiff brought charges of discrimination against the Defendant at the Pennsylvania

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Exhibit A

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July 14, 2010

Yvette Villa 1133 Fairy Street, Apartment 1 Easton PA 18042

RE:

Yvette Villa v Famous Smoke Shop PA Inc

Case No. 200806632 EEOC No. 17F200962618

Dear Yvette Villa:

It has been one year since you filed your complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. This is to notify you that you now have the right to bring an action in the appropriate Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas based on the alleged violations of the PHRAct contained in your Commission complaint. This right is provided under Section 12(c) of the Human Relations Act, 43, P.S. § 962(c).

Please be advised that you are not required to file such an action in the State Court of Common Pleas. The Commission is continuing to process your case, and we will make every effort to resolve it as soon as possible. If we are not notified otherwise, we will assume that you want the Commission to continue handling your case.

If you do file a complaint in a Court of Common Pleas, the Commission will dismiss your complaint. This means that you will be unable to have the Commission decide your case even if your complaint is dismissed in State Court because of a procedural error. Procedural errors may include filing the complaint in State Court in the wrong county or filing in State Court after your time to file has expired. For this reason, you should make every effort to assure that any complaint you file in State Court will be properly filed before you file it.

If you believe you might want to take your case to State Court, we suggest that you consult a private attorney about representing you in that action. This should be done before you file the complaint so that your attorney may advise you on the best course of action for you to take.

Should you file a complaint in State Court, you are required by Section 12(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to serve the Human Relations Commission with a copy of the Court complaint. This copy must be served on the Commission at the same time you file it in Court. The copy is to be sent to:

Michael Hardiman, Chief Counsel - Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission 301 Chestnut Street - Suite 300 P.O. Box 3145 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3145

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the investigator who is handling your case.

Very truly yours,

Arberdella White-Davis Director of Compliance

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cc: Theresa Barone, Esq.